



A native of Roosevelt, New York, and a graduate of the State University of New York, College at Old Westbury, Lieutenant Colonel William Roston was commissioned into the Chemical Corps in 1983. His first duty station was Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, serving as deputy staff chemical officer for the 20th Engineer Brigade. After attending airborne school, he served as staff chemical officer, training officer, and air operations officer for first 1st Squadron, 17th Cavalry Squadron and then the 82d Aviation Brigade.

Following the Chemical Officer's Advanced Course, Lt. Col. Roston commanded the 38th Chemical Detachment and served as commandant of the Eighth United States Army Non-Divisional NBC School. He next served as chief of the chemical readiness team, Readiness Group Meade. He then commanded Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Chemical Activity at Johnston Atoll. Following a return to Fort Bragg in 1993, he served as staff chemical officer and training officer for the 20th Engineer Brigade and as the chemical and current operations officer for the XVIII Airborne Corps G-2.

He next served as executive officer, 23d Chemical Battalion, Waegwan, Republic of Korea, followed by assignment as a branch chief with the Center for Army Analysis at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

A graduate of the Nuclear and Chemical Target Analyst's Course, US Army Operations Research and Systems Analyst Course, the US Army Command and General Staff College, Lt. Col. Roston holds a Master's Degree in Computers and Information Systems Management from Webster University. He came to the Minneapolis Recruiting Battalion June 8, 2002, from assignment as the command chemical officer for the Eighth United States Army, Yongsan, Republic of Korea. He currently directs both Army and Army Reserve recruitment in the states of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Lt. Col. Roston's decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and the Humanitarian Service Medal. He is authorized to wear the Army Senior Parachutist Wings and German Parachutist Wings.